



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s South Carolina Field Office, there were 4.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, November 1, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 1.01 inches of rain up to 2.66 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 40s to the low 60s.

County Extension Comments

“Horry County soybean and peanut harvest continues to ramp up with reports of peanut damage and poor soybean size and quality being the common theme. Cotton harvest is starting and reports of lower yields and poor quality are the results of the early summer drought and recent flooding.”

Hilda Shelley, Horry County, District 30

“Good weather conditions have allowed farmers to work in fields. Harvest operations are progressing.”

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

“Several days of misty, rainy weather only produced an inch of rain during the week. This stalled harvesting and fieldwork for several days. Peanuts that have been dug up are suffering in grade and quality due to recent rains on them. Small grain planting is continuing as weather permits. Our growers need a couple of weeks of sunshine and favorable weather to catch up on harvesting operations.”

Hugh Gray, Allendale County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 11/01/15

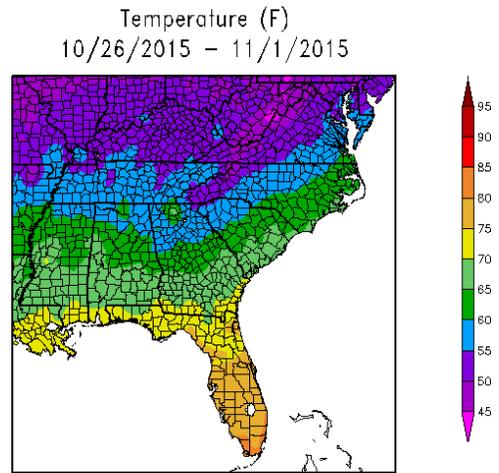
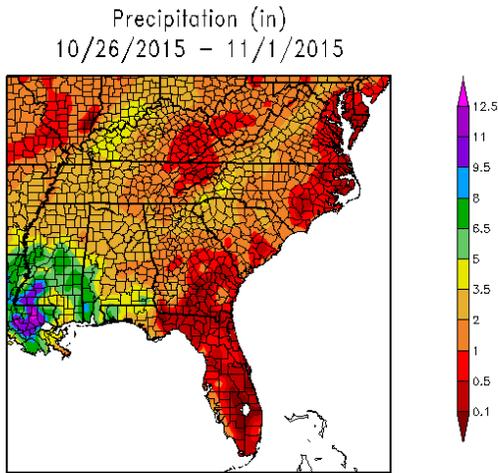
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	100	97	99	97
Cotton - Harvested	42	21	60	51
Peanuts - Harvested.....	51	35	83	86
Soybeans – Turning Color	100	80	99	92
Soybeans – Leaves Drooped	85	51	83	66
Soybeans - Mature	57	28	73	56
Soybeans - Harvested....	9	NA	34	25
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	28	15	42	32
Winter Wheat - Emerged	5	NA	16	13

Crop Condition for Week Ending 11/01/15

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	3	16	79	2
Cotton	10	21	44	23	2
Pasture and range.....	1	7	35	55	2
Peanuts.....	17	19	31	30	3
Soybeans.....	14	22	30	29	5

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 11/01/15

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	8
Short.....	2	12	38
Adequate.....	71	77	53
Surplus.....	27	11	1
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	1	NA
Adequate.....	80	76	NA
Surplus.....	20	23	NA



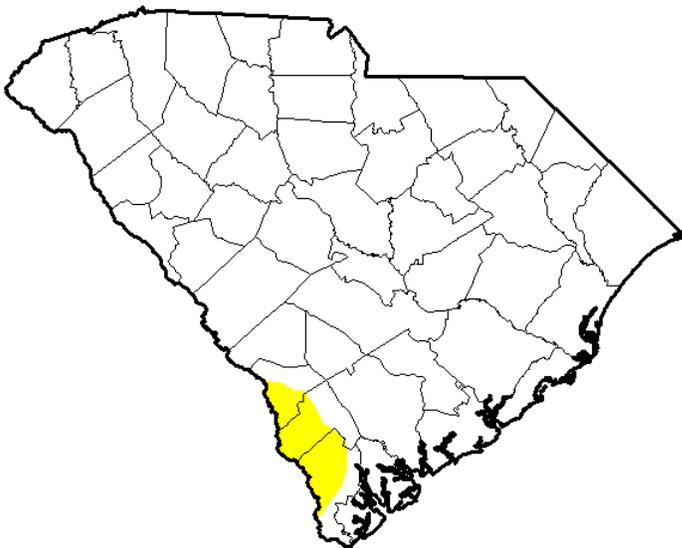
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U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.09	2.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10/20/2015</i>	97.09	2.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>7/28/2015</i>	14.26	85.74	47.53	0.03	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/20/2014</i>	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/29/2015</i>	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10/29/2014</i>	45.94	54.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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